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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 February 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) filed on 2/22/05 has been considered by the examiner and is found to be cumulative to the art of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In particular, claim 11 claims "switching the Raman amplifier into an on and an off state..." (line 4). An amplifier cannot simultaneously be in an 'on' and an 'off' state. In the interest of compact prosecution, claim 11 and its dependent claims will be examined as if the were first turned on then subsequently, turned off.

Claim 17 claims "a control device to switch on and off the pumping sources..." (line 4). Again, the subject matter is not distinctly claimed because it is unclear if the pumps are turned on and then subsequently turned off prior to or following the measurement of the optical spectra.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claim 11, as best as it is understood, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yusoff (US 2005/0147370 filed Sep. 27, 2002).

With regard to claim 11, Yosoff discloses a method for determining a gain spectrum for a Raman amplifier (#82) located downstream from an optical fiber amplifier (#74) in a WDM transmission system, comprising:

- switching the Raman amplifier into an on and off state (#60; the duty cycle of the synthesizer comprises the on and off state; without an input signal that is a Stokes shift away from the pump, #76, the Raman amplifier will not amplify);
- measuring an optical spectra (#96) at an output of the Raman amplifier (#82) with a pumping source (#76) when the optical fiber amplifier is switched into an active state to cause amplified spontaneous emission (the duty cycle of the synthesizer, #60, constitutes the switch; without an input to the Er/Yb amp, #74, the amplifier does not amplify); and determining the gain spectrum from these spectra (fig. 14).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. If the 112-2nd rejection is overcome, then claims 17-20 would be allowable over the art.

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7. Claims 12-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims *and if the 112-2nd rejection is overcome*.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter.

With regard to claim 17, the prior art does not teach or make obvious *a control device to switch on and off the pumping sources for the Raman amplifier and to activate the optical fiber amplifier* in conjunction with the other features of the claim.

With regard to claim 12, the prior art does not teach or make obvious *measuring a 1st spectrum with the pumping source for the Raman amplifier switched off and the pumping source for the optical amplifier switched on* in conjunction with the other limitations of the claim.

Drawings

9. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the drawings must show a detailed figure of the control device to switch on and off the pumping sources for the Raman amplifier and to activate the optical fiber amplifier. The box labeled RE in figure 1 does not sufficiently detail the switching device. The detailed figure must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate

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prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Conclusion


10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Goobar, Goto, Iwasaki, Kagi, Masuda, Mori, Nogiwa, Tanaka, Uchiyama, and Wong disclose optical amplifier noise measurement devices.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deandra M. Hughes whose telephone number is 571-272-6982. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on 571-272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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